

### **REMARKS**

This application contains claims 35-62. Claims 49, 50, 58 and 62 are allowed. Claims 35-48, 51-57 and 59-61 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiners Thai and Wong for the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicants' representative, Sanford T. Colb (Reg. No. 26,856), held in the USPTO on June 5, 2007. At the interview, Mr. Colb argued that the Declaration and accompanying evidence that had been submitted in response to the previous Official Action in this case were sufficient to predate De Bellis (U.S. Patent 6,760,720). The Examiners agreed to reconsider the matter, with the result that the previous rejection of the claims was withdrawn, and the present non-final Official Action was issued.

Claims 35, 38-48, 51, 55-57 and 59-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Liddy et al. (U.S. 6,304,864) in view of Anick (U.S. Patent 6,519,586), while claims 36, 37, 46, 52-54, 57 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Liddy and Anick and further in view of Wical (U.S. 6,038,560) or Bowman et al. (U.S. 6,006,225). While disagreeing with these grounds of rejection, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims in order to expedite issuance of a patent on the allowed claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Applicants believe the amendments and remarks presented above to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all of the claims in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Prompt notice to this effect is requested.

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